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PRAEFATIO

I DE TITULO.

Post Tristium librum V^{um} editum ingenii vena poetae exulantis nondum defecit: denuo extiterunt scripta querelarum plena, quae inscribuntur *Epistularum Ex Ponto libri*. De quo titulo, utrum *Epp. Ex P.* an *De P.* legendum sit quoniam codices utrumque praebent, et alii viri docti disputaverunt et nuper v.d. E. Martini¹⁾. Legimus in fine libri II: EX PONTO LIBER . II . EXPLICIT (A), initio libri I: Incip. LIB prim' eptarū Ovidii NASONIS DE ponto (β); sub finem libri IV: Explicit Liβ Ovidii de ponto (βγ); Explicit ovidius de ponto nomine dictus (G). — Licet in pluribus codicibus legatur *De Ponto*, tamen Ovidium *Ex Ponto* scripsisse cum ex ipsius poetae verbis patere²⁾ tum ex eo manifestum esse putat v.d. Martini, quod alter titulus (*de Ponto*) ambiguus sit utpote qui 'ja nicht nur vom Pontus her sondern auch über den Pontus bedeuten kann'. Non recte igitur Scaliger ad Propert. IV 24, 19³⁾ adnotat 'in II de Ponto Elegia prima' etc. erratque Pontanus, ne alios nominem, inscribens editioni suae *Tr. V et De Ponto IV cum comment.*⁴⁾

Lectione tituli quam optime definita altera difficultas oritur quaerentibus quid sibi velit illud vocabulum *Pontus*. Estne adstipulandum viris doctis cum *maris* notione vertentibus 'aus dem Pontus'⁵⁾, 'vom Schwarzen Meere'⁶⁾, 'du Pont'⁷⁾, 'van de Zwarte Zee'⁸⁾, 'uit den Pontus = Zwarte Zee'⁹⁾, an cum aliis de terra cogitantibus q.v. *Pontus Sinister, P. Laevus, ὁ Εὐδώνημος Πόντος, τὰ Ἀγιοτεγὰ τοῦ Πόντου*¹⁰⁾ vertendum 'aus Pontus'¹¹⁾, 'vom Schwarzmeeresstrand'¹²⁾, 'from Pontus'¹³⁾? In hac quoque re extricanda partis viri d. E. Martini esse velim, cuius ipsius verba hic adferantur: 'nur ist natürlich unter *Pontus* nicht das Schwarze Meer selbst, sondern das Land an demselben zu verstehen,

¹⁾ Einleitung zu Ovid, Brunn 1933, p. 54 sq. — ²⁾ Tr. V 2, 1 *Ecquid, ubi e Ponto nova venit epistula, palles*, etc. — ³⁾ edit. alter. 1600 (in Bibliopolio Commeliniano) p. 254. — ⁴⁾ Viennae 1706. — ⁵⁾ I. G. K. Schlüter, Vier Bücher der Briefe aus dem P., Lips. 1797; H. Wölffel, Briefe aus dem P., Stuttg. 1858; A. Leickert, Progr. Bamberg 1865. — ⁶⁾ H. Dessau, Geschichte d. röm. Kaiserzeit I p. 534. — ⁷⁾ P. Thomas, la Littérature latine jusqu'aux Antonins, Brux., 1894, p. 142. — ⁸⁾ J. J. Hartman, Nieuwe Rotterdammer Courant, Avondblad 7 Sept. 1923: Uit de Gesch. der Lat. letterk. XX kol. 3. — ⁹⁾ S. Koperberg, Romeinsche Cultuur (Wereldbibliotheek) 1928, p. 265. — ¹⁰⁾ R. Ehwald, Kritische Beiträge zu Ov. Ep. ex P., Gotha 1896, p. 60; cf. meam ad P I 4, 31 adnotationem. — ¹¹⁾ A. Berg, Briefe aus Pontus, Stuttg. 1865. — ¹²⁾ E. Martini, Einl. zu Ov. 1933, p. 54. — ¹³⁾ G. A. Simcox, Hist. of. lat. Literat. from Ennius to Boeth 1883, p. 361; R. Ellis, Ovid's Epistles from Pontus; J. W. Mackail, Latin Liter. 1909, p. 143; J. Wight Duff, Liter. History of Rome from the Origins to the Close of the Golden Age 1909, p. 581.